Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dr. Ruben Bareis is an icon of internal medicine, geriatrics, and medical ethics in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Dr. Bareis has mentored generations of South Dakota physicians throughout his medical career, and retired 10 years ago after a long, successful medical career in internal medicine; and,

Whereas, Dr. Bareis remains active on the Advisory Board of the South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care and the Rapid City Regional Hospital Medical Ethics Committee, and continues to attend the annual meetings of the South Dakota Chapter of the American College of Physicians and the South Dakota Medical Directors Association; and,

Whereas, Dr. Bareis is an advocate of the "Comfort One" system in South Dakota, in which persons can enroll in order to assure they are not resuscitated against their will; and,

Whereas, Dr. Bareis continues to teach the Interdisciplinary Palliative Care course at the West River Campus of Sanford School of Medicine in Rapid City, a required course for medical students in their last 2 years of study; and,

Whereas, Dr. Bareis earned one of the first Certified Medical Director designations from the American Medical Directors Association (AMDA), is credited for starting the South Dakota Chapter of AMDA, and in 1988, passed his Certificate of Added Qualifications in Geriatrics the first year it was offered; and,

Whereas, Dr. Bareis has few opportunities to celebrate his birthday, being a February 29, 1928, leap year baby, and it is fitting and proper that the governor recognize this outstanding citizen on the occasion of his 20th or 80th birthday, whichever he so chooses to celebrate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 29, 2008, as

DR. RUBEN BAREIS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in honoring and wishing him a happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State